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SUBJECT: RELATIONS WITH DRV: US AND BRAZIL

1. BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR HELIO DE BURGOS-CABAL CALLED ON DCM APRIL 2 TO DISCUSS HIS RECENT CONVERSATION WITH DRV CHARGE TRAN DUC TUE. SINCE BRAZIL HAS NO RELATIONS WITH HANOI, AMB DE BURGOS-CABAL REGARDED TUE'S REQUEST TO MAKE A CALL "RATHER STRANGE." BEFORE AGREEING TO RECEIVE TUE, AMB DE BURGOS-CABAL SOUGHT AND RECEIVED GOB AUTHORIZATION "TO LISTEN." TUE MADE, MATTER OF FACTLY, WHAT AMB DE BURGOS-CABAL REGARDED AS POINT OF CALL, "DRV WANTED TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE US AND BRAZIL." TUE ADDED THAT HANOI WOULD EXPECT SOME "COMPENSATION" (FOR THE WAR) AS THE US HAD PROMISED. TUE ALSO SAID THAT VIETNAM IS COUNTING ON JAPAN, WHICH IS PROVIDING "COMPENSATION," FOR VIETNAM'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. AMB DE BURGOS-CABAL FOUND TUE SINCERE, NON-DOCTRINAIRE, AND PLEASANT.

2. COMMENT: DESPITE CUSTOMARY LINKAGE OF DRV-US RELATIONS WITH ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, FACT THAT TUE COUPLED US WITH BRAZIL IN CONVERSATION WITH BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR ADVOCATING
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ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS STRIKES US AS A BIT ODD.

AS WE HAVE REPORTED IN EARLIER TELEGRAMS, TUE IS MAKING
A FAVORABLE IMPRESSION IN THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND HIS
REMARKS TO DE BURGOS-CABAL MAY SIMPLY REFLECT KNOWLEDGE
OF CLOSE TIES BETWEEN THE US AND BRAZIL. HOWEVER, TUE
MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN FORWARDING AT SAME TIME A MUTED CUE
FROM HANOI.
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